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7 July 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 7 July 1969

25X1 [redacted] In the Acting Director's absence,
Executive Director was in the chair.

DD/I provided a memorandum, which was passed to the EA/DDCI, suggesting that reconnaissance missions scheduled during the time of the President's projected trip be reviewed by the 303 Committee.

Godfrey reported that Fidel Castro was scheduled to speak in Oriente Province over the weekend but that for some strange reason he did not deliver the speech. He added that the event was important in that it had been advertised as the kickoff to the annual sugar production drive. He briefly noted that there have been rumors out of Guantanamo alleging that there was an attempt on Castro's life last week.

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In response to the Executive Director's question, Godfrey briefed on the Soviet naval force which appears to be heading for Cuba.

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Carver mentioned that he will be seeing Secretary Laird this morning. He added that he has read the briefing memorandum to be used by the Acting Director during this evening's quasi-NSC meeting

25X1 [redacted] In response to the DD/I's question Carver noted that the anticipated early July Communist offensive in Vietnam deserves additional emphasis in light of the thrust of the remainder of the briefing.

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Maury noted that Bruce Clarke is working with William Baroody on matters of common concern in preparation for the Senate debate on the DOD authorization bill regarding funds for the ABM system. In response to the Executive Director's request, the DD/S&T briefed on the cable exchange with the Director on how best to respond to Senator Stennis' letter requesting Agency comment on a letter to be sent by the Senator to Secretary Laird asking for an assessment of the ICBM threat. Executive Director cautioned that our response to Senator Stennis should await a precise understanding of Secretary Laird's response.

Maury reported that he saw Senator McClellan on Friday with respect to the Ervin bill. Executive Director suggested that General Cushman consider giving Bryce Harlow a telephone call in order to precipitate an appropriate call from the Executive Branch to the Congress emphasizing the problems the Ervin bill would create for the Agency. Maury will work out the details with EA/DDCI.

DD/S&T reported that the Foreign Technology Division/Air Force Systems Command is recomputing basic data on the range and other characteristics of the SS-9 and other ICBMs.

DD/S&T called attention to the Soviet unmanned space shot failure of 3 July, described it as a major setback, and noted that the vehicle probably blew up on the launch pad or shortly after launch.

Executive Director noted receipt of a note from John Hurley of the Bureau of the Budget requesting a report by 10 July on our overseas strength. He said that [REDACTED] is assembling the material and asked each Deputy Director to check with him to ensure that the data is correct.

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Executive Director asked that each Executive Committee member provide General Cushman's office by early Wednesday with a briefing paper on items to be called to the Director's attention upon his return.

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